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Whereas a desperate and dangerous
Rebellion is raised, and an Army
marching against us, and such other
of Our good Subjects whole Loyalty
and Affection is eminent unto us,
in severall Counties of the Kingdom,
under pretence of some Authority
from both Our Houses of Parliament, and the
same is done by Our consent, and for the safety of
Our Person, whereby many of Our loving Subjects
are misled and engaged in undutifull and disloyall
Actions against us their Soberaigne; and to oppose
persons immediately authorized by us, as disturbers
of the peace; We do, for the Information of all
Our good Subjects, that they may be no longer
corrupted or seduced by these false and damnable
insufusions, declare, That we do disavow Our consent to
any of the pretended Ordinances, and do protest
against the same, and all the proceedings thereupon,
as seditious and treasonable to Our Person, Crown,

and Dignity. And do declare, That the Army now under the command of the Earle of Essex, and raised in any part of the Kingdom by his direction, or by the direction of any pretended Ordinance, is raised against vs, and to take away Our life from vs. And that he, and all who shall adhere to him, are Traytors by the known established laws of this Kingdom: And therefore Our expresse command unto you, and to every of you is,

I.

That you forthwith raise all possible power for the apprehension of the said Earle of Essex, and his Confederates; and that with such forces of Horse and foot you shall fight with, kill, and slay all such as shall by force oppose you in the execution of these Our Commands, and such who shall presume to put the Ordinance of the Militia in execution against Our expresse pleasure and consent. And you shall pursue the said Rebels and Traytors in the said Counties, or in any other Counties or parts of the Kingdom into which they shall retire themselves. All which forces, so to be raised, shall have the same pay as the rest of Our Army is to have.

II.

You shall defend and protect all Our Subjects from violence and oppression by the illegall pretended Ordinance concerning the Militia, the pretended Ordinance for the Earle of Essex to be Generall, or any other Ordinance to which we have not or shall not give Our consent. And shall not suffer any of Our loving Subjects to be troubled or molested for refusing to submit to the said pretended Ordinances, but shall

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shall assist and defend them from any Summons, Messengers, Serjeant, or Warrant, which shall disturb them for the same. And the said Messengers or Serjeants you shall apprehend and commit to Prison as seditious Disturbers of the peace of the Kingdom.

III.

You shall, to your utmost power, assist the execution of Our Commission of Array, which ought to be obeyed by the known Laws of the Land; And if any factious or Seditious Persons shall raise any Power to oppose Our said legall Commission, or the execution thereof, you shall, in your severall Counties, levie men, and them lead out of your said Counties to the place where such force is raised, and suppress the same. More especially, you shall be ayding and assisting to the Lord Marquesse Hertford, who is authorized, by Our Commission, Generall of Our forces in the Western parts; and to the Earle of Cumberland Our Lieutenant Generall for the County of York; and to the Lord Strange, and Colonell Goring: And to that purpose you shall levie such other forces of Horse and foot as the said Marquesse shall, by his Commission, give you power to do, under such Colonels, Commanders, and other Officers as shall be, by him, appointed or directed within the severall Counties mentioned in His Commission, as the Earle of Cumberland, and as the Lord Strange shall likewise direct in the Counties within their severall Commissions.

IV.

Our expresse pleasure and Command is, That you disarm all Popish Recusants, and all such other dangerous and ill-affected Persons, and Brownists,

Anabaptists, and other Sectaries, as well Clergy-
men, as others, as have testified, or shall testify their
ill disposition to the peace and government of the
Kingdom. And you shall endeavour, by causing Our
severall Declarations, Messages and Answers to be
publicly read in Churches and other places, to clear
Our proceedings from all false imputations & asper-
sions; and shall from time to time certify us of all
things necessary for the publique Service. And that
Our directions to you, and your advertisements to
us may have a cleer and ready passage, we do hereby
Command all Post-masters, That they do not suffer
any Letters or other Dispatches, to or from us, to be
intercepted or stayed, as they will answer the contra-
ry at their utmost perils. And if any bold person, by
what authority soever, shall presume to make such
stay of those Dispatches, you shall apprehend such
persons, and shall give all assistance, and protection
to those persons employed in such Dispatches.

V.

If you shall finde any disaffected persons raising
any parties against us, spreading scandals or im-
putations to Our proceedings, like to disturbe the
peace of the Kingdom, you shall cause all such persons
(upon good proofs of their misdemeanors) to be ap-
prehended and committed to prison, till they shall
answer their offences in such manner as is agree-
able to Law and Justice.

VI.

You shall take from the said Rebels and Tray-
tors, and their Adherents, all Arms, Ordnance, and
Ammunition; and such as they have taken from any
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of Our good Subjects, you shall restore again to the true Owners. And whereas divers Seditious persons, under pretence of Commissions from the Earle of Essex, presume to Levie Horse and foot, and to collect money for the same, you shall seize upon all Horses, Arms, Ammunition, Money, Plate, or other provisions whatsoever, raised or provided under any such pretences, and without Our expresse Authority, for the somenting, or maintaining any such unnaturall and unlawfull war against vs, the Religion, and Law of the Kingdom. And you shall assure all such Our well affected Subjects, who shall contribute any Aid and Assistance to vs, in this Our great necessity, or obserbe these Our Instructions, That we will protect them with Our utmost Power, and venture Our Life, and Crown in their just Defence. which Resolution of Ours, you shall publish and declare upon all occasions for the better encouragement of all Our good Subjects in that behalf.

Given under Our Privy Signet, at Our Court at *New-
ingham*, the 29. of *August*, 1642.

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